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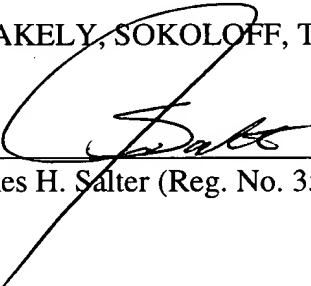
Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application as amended herein. Claims 6-15 have been newly added to this case. The Specification has been amended to clarify the claimed invention. No new matter has been added and the new claims are fully supported by the originally filed specification. All claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact James H. Salter at (408) 720-8300.

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